

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

Secure identification of a user in an electronic communications environment, wherein a host computer communicates with a plurality of electronic devices operated by the user. The user is issued a user code, known only to the user and stored in the host computer. User identification involves the host computer generating a pseudo-random security string and applying the user code to the pseudo-random security string to generate a transaction code. The host computer also transmits the pseudo-random security string to one of the electronic devices which displays the pseudo-random security string to the user. The user generates the transaction code by ~~applies~~ applying their known user code to the displayed pseudo-random security string ~~and determines the transaction code.~~ The user enters the ~~generated~~ transaction code is entered into an electronic device, ~~and the entered transaction code is then~~ transmitted back to the host computer. Positive identification is achieved when the host computer determined transaction code matches the user generated transaction code ~~entered by the user.~~